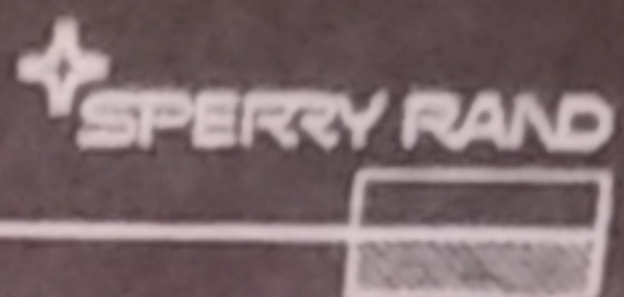


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B/S

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Off. No. 510

Date first licensed 2-9-50

W I F M-FM EFF: 12-1-51

Call letters WIFM

LOCATION: ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Tri-County Broadcasting Company, Inc. (BALH-172, Gr. 7-7-54; EFF: 7-15-54)

X JAMES B. CHILDRESS (Gr. 11-4-53 Eff 11-4-53)

Name of licensee X JOHN A. HINSHAW tr/as YADKIN VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY

1141 Elk Spur St. Extn., Elkin, N. C. (Redesc. LH 2-9-50)

Transmitter location Route 268, 1.5 mile West of Elkin, North Carolina (Wilkes County)

1141 Elk Spur St. Extn., Elkin, N. C. (Redesc. LH 2-9-50)

Main studio location Same

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Mes. Freq.	ERP Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-1448	3-30-49	100.9 Ch. 265	325 w Terr: -47 ft.	U	By 5-30-49 To 11-30-49
C.P. issued (mailed 4-17-49)					
BPH-3517	7-20-49	100.9 Ch. 265	350 watts Terr: -35 ft.	U	To 11-30-49
Mod. of C. P. Telegram	8-8-49	Retel 8. Auth. granted period ending 11-30-49 operate using facilities specified in C. P. BPH-3517 for purpose FM program service. Operation to be in accordance with rules governing FM broadcast stations. Notify Comm. when program service has commenced. Equipment may be tested under this authority.			
BLH-576	2-9-50	License to cover CP (BPH-1448 as mod.).			
					2-9-50 to 9-1-51
BSH-510	8-29-51	Ext. of license to			
					12-1-51
BRH-510	11-14-51	Renewal of license to			
					12-1-54
Letter	6-24-53	Waive Sec 3.261 Rules sign off same time WIFM (AM) signs off to			
					12-24-53
BALH-147	11-4-53	Vol assign lic to James B. Childress			
BALH-172	7-7-54	Vol assign lic to Tri-County EC, Co. Inc.			
Letter	8-27-54	STA waive Sec 3.261 to sign off same time AM signs off to			
					12-1-54
Letter	11-4-54	Ext. STA waive 3.261 permit WIFM-FM sign off same as AM (local sunset) ending			
					6-1-55
BSH-510		Ant. spec chg in accord memo			
					12-29-54
BRH-510	2-2-55	Renewal of license to			
					12-1-57
11-17-54 action on renewal deferred					
LETTER	4-29-55	EXT. STA sign off same time as AM station (local sunset) for period ending			
					12-1-55
BRH-510	11-20-57	Renewal of license to			
					12-1-60
BSH-510	12-16-59	Mod. license to delete obstruction marking specifications.			
					(L)
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BRH-510	7-20-61	Renewal of license			
					7-20-61 to 12-1-63

Form BC 126

June 1954

CARD # 2

FM BROADCAST

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed

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Station location ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Name of licensee TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4021 HAAT: -35'	4-29-63	100.9mc Ch.265	ERP:310w TPO:250w	Unl.	6-29 12-29-63
		CP to decr. ERP; install new ant. (Andrew, 1302-2A, 2 sec.); & make chgs. in ant. sys. CONDL			
BRH-510	11-27-63	Renewal of license			12-1 12-1-66
BLH-2442 (1)	2-14-64	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4021) which auth. decr. ERP; install new ant.; & make chgs. in ant. sys.			
BRH-510 minus 35'	1-16-67	Renewal of License U 100.9mc. ERP: 310w TPO: 250w			1-16-67-12-1-69
BSH-510 (1)	11-20-67	Mod. of license to delete obstruction markings. (memo.)			
BPH-6308 HAAT: 60'	7-10-68	100.9mc. ch#265	ERP: 3kw TP: 990watts	Unl.	3-10-69
		CP install new trans. new ant; chg. TPO, ERP and HAAT;			
BRH-4133(L)	12-10-68	Lic. (BPH-6308) for chgs.			12-1-69
BSH-510(L)	7-30-69	Mod. of license to delete obstruction markings. (memo)			
BRH-510(S)	12-3-69	Renewal			12-1-72
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-510(S)	12-6-72	RENEWAL			12-1-75
BRH-510(L)	11-12-75	RENEWAL			12-1-78
BRH780726UT(S)	11-28-78	RENEWAL			12-1-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

FM (CLASS A)

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JAMES B. CHILDRESS

Name **X JOHN A. HINSHAW** Tr/As Yadkin Valley Broadcasting Company...
 (P. O. Box 772, Elkin, North Carolina.)
 127 Young Street

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-1448 Rec'd. Filed	5-15-48	Construction permit for new FM broadcast station (Class A) to be operated on Frequency: 94.3 Mcs. Channel 232 Effective Radiated Power: .325 kw. Antenna height above average terrain: -110 ft. Transmitter: 1½ mi. west of Elkin on N. C. Route 268, near Elkin, N. Carolina. (Gates BF-250A Max. 250 watts) Studio: Same	Returned	5-24-48
	5-19-48		Frequency not specified.	
	5-27-48		GRANTED	3-30-49
			C.P. issued	3-30-49
			Expires	11-30-49
			Mailed	4-27-49
BMPH-3517 Rec'd. Filed	5-20-49 5-23-49 5-23-49	Mod. of C. P. (BPH-1448) which authorized a new FM broadcast station to change ERP from 325 watts to 345 watts, antenna height above average terrain from -47 ft. to -35 ft., type of transmitter to REL 549DL Max. 250 watts and make changes in the antenna system.	GRANTED	7-20-49
BLE-576 Rec'd & Filed	11-26-49 11-28-49	License to cover C.P. (BPH-1448 as mod.) which authorized a new FM b/c sta.	GRANTED	2-9-50

Engineer: Phil Hedrick

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JAMES B. CHILDRESS

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Name ~~X JOHN A. HINSHAW~~ ~~tr/ea Yodkin Valley Broadcasting Company~~

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-510 Recd. Filed	6-28-51 6-29-51 6-29-51	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-14-51
BALH-147 Recd&Filed	10-5-53 10-13-53	Vol. assign. license to James B. Childress	GRANTED <i>eff.</i>	11-4-53 11-9-53
BALH-172 Recd & Filed	6-1-54 6-3-54	Vol. assignment to Tri-County Broadcasting Company, Incorporated	GRANTED EFF:	7-7-54 7-15-54
BRH- 510 Recd.	8-16-54 8-17-54	Renewal of license	⁹ Letter 11-54 re Eng Sec not signed GRANTED	2-2-55

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Name **TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**
ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-510 Rec'd Filed	8-20-57 8-22-57 8-22-57	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-20-57
BRH-510 Rec'd Filed	8-2-60 8-5-60 8-5-60	Renewal of License	GRANTED	7-20-61
BPH-4021 R & F	4-5-63 4-8-63	Construction permit to decr EHP from 350 to 314w; install new ant (Andrew-1302-2A, 2 sect) and make chgs in ant-sys. Atty: Prince & Paul	GRANTED Condl re meas. for WIFM	4-29-63
BRH-510 Rec'd Filed	8-20-63 8-23-63 8-23-63	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-27-63
BLH-2442 R & F	8-28-63 8-29-63	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-4021) which auth chgs to EHP, ant-sys and install new ant.	GRANTED	2-14-64

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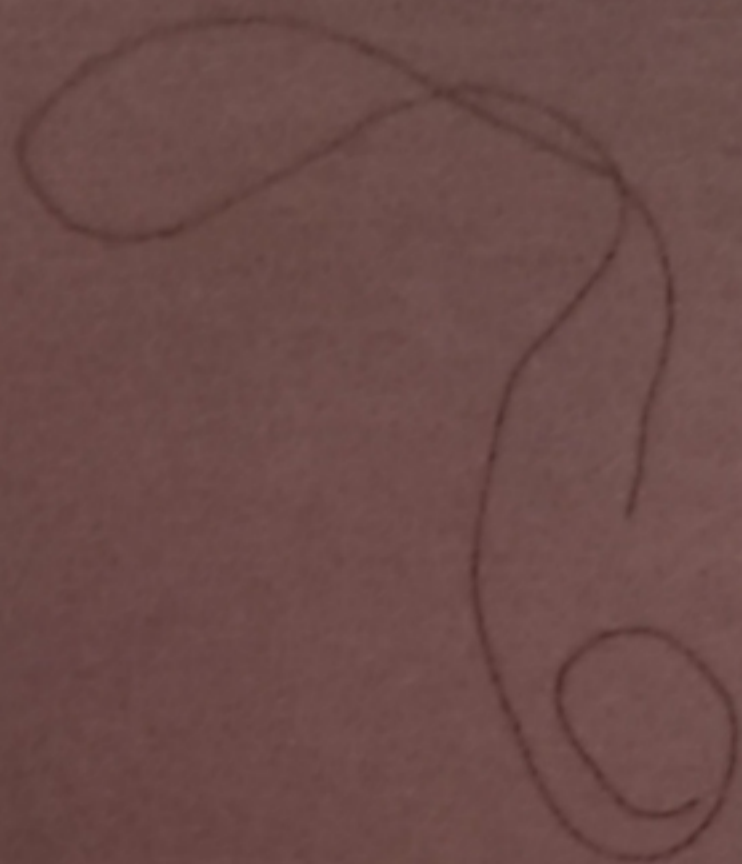
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Name TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.
Elkin, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-510 R & F	8-6-66 8-8-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-16-67
BPH-6308 R & F #428302 \$75 MAY 28 1968 PN REC'D:	5-10-68 5-13-68 5-13-68 6-3-68	CP install new trans (Gates-FM-1G); new ant (Gates-FMA-4A, 4 sections); chg. TPO 0.988kw; chg. ERP: 3kw and chg. HAAT 60 feet. Engr: Palmer A. Green	GRANTED Cond'l Submit 302's for WIFM(AM).	7-10-68
BLH-4183 R & F #460070 \$30 PT NOV 2 1968	9/20/68 9/23/68 9/23/68 10/29/68	License (BPH-6308) for changes.	GRANTED	12-10-68
BRH-510 R & F #537310 \$75 PN REC'd: PRESS:	8-28-69 8-29-69 8-29-69 8-29-69	Renewal of license	GRANTED	12-3-69

RE BPH-6308 Publication, Notice mailed 5-27-68



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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRH-510 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	8-28-72 8-30-72 " SEP 15 1972	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	12-6-72
BRH-510 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-23-75 7-25-75 " AUG 14 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-12-75
BRH780726UT PRESS	SEP 15 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-28-78

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

